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Volney Davis, McLaughlin To Hear Of Fate

Five men, kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, will be sentenced late today by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

Of the five, Elmer Farmer, Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper and arranger of the hideout in that city, and Volney Davis, ransom note deliverer, pleaded guilty.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, Chicago political boss, who changed \$57,000 of the \$200,000 ransom money in Chicago banks; Jimmy Wilson, Northwestern university medical student who assisted Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive, in finger print operations on several gang members, and Harold Alderton, whose home in Bensenville was used as the hideout, were three of the five men found guilty by a federal court jury last month.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg, the others found guilty, already have been sentenced to life terms.

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5 YEARS GIVEN M'LAUGHLIN

ST. PAUL, June 8.—(AP)—John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, today was under sentence of five years in federal prison at Leavenworth as a conspirator in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Volney Davis, who was captured in Chicago and who pleaded guilty Monday, was sentenced to life imprisonment, and Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held a prisoner for twenty-one days, was given twenty years.

Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, was sentenced to twenty years in Leavenworth for his part in the kidnaping, and James J. Wilmon, former Northwestern University athlete, to five years in the industrial reformatory in Chillicothe. Arthur ("Doc") Barker and Oliver Berg previously had been given life sentences in the same case.

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M'LAUGHLIN GIVEN 5 YEARS IN BREMER CASE

Volney Davis Gets Life; Farmer
and Alderton 20 Years Each;
Reformatory for Wilson

ST. PAUL, June 7.—(AP)—Volney Davis, who pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping after his capture in Chicago, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Leavenworth penitentiary in federal court here late today.

John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, also was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth prison as a conspirator in the same case.

20 YEARS FOR 'WAILER.'

Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was kept prisoner for twenty-one days, was sentenced to twenty years in Leavenworth prison.

McLaughlin and Alderton, together with Arthur ("Doc") Barker, James J. Wilson and Oliver Berg, were convicted by a jury. Barker and Berg previously were given life terms.

FARMER GETS 20 YEARS.

Elmer Farmer, tavern keeper of Bensenville, who assisted in making arrangements with the kidnapers for Alderton's home and who pleaded guilty during the trial, was sentenced to twenty years in Leavenworth prison.

Wilson, former Northwestern University medical student, was sentenced to five years in the industrial reformatory at Chillicothe.

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CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER

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By the United Press

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Sentence was pronounced by Judge M. M. Joyce, who presided at the trial at which Arthur (Doc) Barker and four others were convicted.

John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, chief money changer in the kidnaping and former Illinois political power, was sentenced to five years.

Harold Alberton, who arranged the hideout at Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive 22 days while ransom negotiations were being conducted, was sentenced to 20 years.

Elmer Farmer, who aided Alberton in hideout preparations and pleaded guilty, likewise was sentenced to 20 years.

James J. Wilson, chauffeur for Dr. John P. Moran and also a money changer, was sentenced to five years.

Davis, McLaughlin, Alberton and Farmer will serve their terms in Leavenworth Prison. Wilson was ordered to the Federal reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

The life sentence for Davis was the third such punishment imposed as result of the kidnaping. Barker and Oliver Berg were sentenced to life immediately after conviction. Barker is at Leavenworth and Berg at Joliet (Ill.) Penitentiary, where he was serving a previous life term.

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5 MORE SENTENCED IN BREMER KIDNAP

Davis Given Life Term, Four
Others From Five to 20
Years for Crime.

By the Associated Press.
ST. PAUL, June 2.—Federal Judge M. M. Joyce today sentenced five men to the penitentiary—one of them for life—as justice agents added a new chapter to their roundup of the kidnapers of Banker Edward G. Bremer early in 1934.

Only Alvin Karpis, leader of the gang named as the abductors of Bremer, had eluded capture as Volney Davis got a life term at Leavenworth and four confederates from five to 20 years each.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Oliver Berg received life sentences a month ago. Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty to the charges against him in the \$200,000 kidnaping, remains to be sentenced. He was a Government witness.

Sentence was imposed on Davis at the same time as terms of 20 years each in Leavenworth Penitentiary were meted out to Harold Alderton, in whose home at Bensenville, Ill., Bremer was held prisoner, and Elmer Farmer, Bensenville tavern keeper, who aided the gang.

The two money changers, John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago politician, and James J. Wilson, one time medical student at Northwestern University, were given five-year sentences. Wilson's term will be served at the industrial reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

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THE WASHINGTON POST

Volney Davis Goes to Jail, to Return No More



Associated Press WIREPHOTO.
Handcuffed to a U. S. marshal, Volney Davis (right), the gangster who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping case, is taken to jail. He received a term of life imprisonment.

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'G-Men' and Gangsters

SEVERAL days ago, federal agents captured Volney Davis, notorious gangster and one of the few members of the Barker-Karpis "mob" then at liberty. His arrest in a Mid-Western city followed the release of the kidnaped Weyerhaeuser lad near Tacoma, Wash. The fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been mentioned among the possible perpetrators of the later kidnaping outrage and the taking of Davis was so timed as to strengthen the impression that this long-sought gangster was wanted for the Tacoma job. But his federal captors delivered him to St. Paul, where he was under indictment for participation in the Bremer kidnaping.

Arraigned on the Bremer charge last week, Davis immediately pleaded guilty as charged. "It's no use trying to beat these G-guys," he explained. "They had it on me. The minute they read that indictment I could see they knew as much about this kidnaping as I did. I could see they had the straight stuff, almost exactly as it was pulled. I'm glad it's over with. I'll take the book and be done with the thing." "Taking the book" in this connection meant a life imprisonment sentence, which was imposed in due season.

This gangster's tribute to the "G-men" was evidently sincere. He preferred a life sentence to a futile fight in the courts. Probably, indeed, he preferred doing time behind bars to the deadly risks he ran as a gangster-fugitive. Even Dillinger, it will be recalled, sought to make terms through his agents for a life sentence in exchange for his voluntary surrender, but was unable to "put over" the deal. The organized gangs have sound reason to fear the "federal men", and the popular assumption that the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping was the work of the fugitive remnant of the Barker-Karpis "mob" probably will prove mistaken.

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New Orleans Times-Picayune

Monday, June 10, 1935

Mr. George Healy, City Editor,
615 North Street, New Orleans, La.

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Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation,
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New Orleans, La.

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PRISON GREET'S M'LAUGHLIN

ST. PAUL, June 14.—(AP)—Four of the men convicted of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping are en route under heavy guard today to Leavenworth penitentiary. They will arrive there today.

The four are Volney Davis, life imprisonment; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, 20 years, and John J. ("Boss") McLaughlin of Chicago, five years.

James Wilson, also convicted of conspiracy in the Bremer abduction and sentenced to five years, will be taken later to the federal reformatory at Chillicothe, O.

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M'Laughlin and Pals at Leavenworth

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 14.—(AP)—Shackled and under heavy guard, four of the Edward G. Bremer kidnap conspirators arrived today from St. Paul to start sentences in federal penitentiary. The four prisoners, and their sentences, are Volney Davis, life; Harold Albertson and Elmer Farmer, 20 years and John J. McLaughlin, five years.

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FOUR KIDNAPERS GO TO PRISON

St. Paul, June 14 (P).—Four of the men convicted of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, started under heavy guard for Leavenworth penitentiary to serve sentences ranging from five years to life.

The four are Volney Davis, sentenced to life imprisonment; Harold Alderton and Elmer Farmer, 20 years, and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, five years. James Wilson, also convicted of conspiracy in the Bremer abduction and sentenced to five years, will be taken later to the federal reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

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BREMER GANGSTERS IN PRISON
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 14 (AP).—Four convicted Bremer kidnapers arrived today from St. Paul to begin serving sentences at the Federal prison. They are Volney Davis, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer and John J. McLaughlin. On the train the four were kept in leg irons and handcuffs.

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N. B. Powell, Kirbyville night marshal, said the man fitted descriptions of Karpis.

They located the car parked in front of the CCC camp last night. Two men were in it. The one believed to be Karpis was dozing. An automatic pistol was in his hand and a submachine gun beside him.

"Look out! Officers!" Powell said the man who called out jumped out of the car and the man he believed to be Karpis fled away, firing his pistol as he drove.

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Bremer Gang

Federal Prison Doors Close on Ransom Kidnapers

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 14.
— (I.N.S.) — Federal penitentiary
doors swung shut today on four
men convicted of conspiracy in the
kidnaping of Edward J. Bremer, St.
Paul banker.

They were Volney Davis, sen-
tenced to life imprisonment; Harold
Alderton, and Elmer Farmer, twen-
ty years each, and John J. ("Boss")
McLaughlin of Chicago, five years.

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Posed as Federal Officer, Offering Jobs, Is Charge

After three witnesses had testified that he had posed as a federal officer, Alexander Ellingson, 1617 N. Forty-seventh st., was bound over to the federal grand jury Wednesday by Floyd E. Jenkins, United States court commissioner. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Mrs. Ida K. Damman, 820 S. Eighteenth st., testified that Ellingson had accepted \$500 from her, for which he promised to get her a federal job. She exhibited a note he is alleged to have given her for the \$500. Ellingson promised Miss Louise Schubert, 119 W. Meinecke av., "the best job in the federal building," if she would pay him \$300 "to grease the ways," she testified. She paid a deposit of \$30, she said, but got no job.

A. C. Margraff, 622 E. Lakewood av., Whitefish Bay, said that Ellingson had left him "holding the bag" for a \$40 hotel bill, they had jointly contracted in Sheboygan.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
JUNE 19, 1935

Slain Bandit Believed to Be Pal of Karpis

Willow Springs, Mo. (AP)—Officers Wednesday afternoon said a gunman shot to death here as he fled from a sheriff and a highway patrolman early Wednesday, had been identified tentatively as Harry Campbell, one-time associate of the fugitive Alvin Karpis.

The tentative identification was made by Detectives Owens and Spencer of Springfield, Mo. The officers left here immediately for Springfield with fingerprints.

Highway Patrolman Benjamin Graham, one of two officers who shot and killed the bandit in a wooded section near here, said that photographs and descriptions of the dead man and of Campbell tallied closely.

The dead man was described as about 35, roughly dressed, weight 140 pounds, height 5 feet 7 inches.

Campbell, with Karpis, escaped from a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 20, 1935, shooting their way out with machine guns. Four days later Campbell, Karpis and 20 others were indicted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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Identification Marks Fit Karpis Gangster

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 19.—(INS)—The unidentified body of a slain gangster held at Willow Springs, Mo., was checked this afternoon with identification orders issued by The United States department of justice for Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis gangster wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Springfield police earlier today expressed the belief that the dead man was Campbell.

W. C. Benton of the T. R. Burns & Sons undertaking establishment at Willow Springs when furnished with these identification orders made the checkup.

Informed of the comparison, E. E. Conroy, department of justice agent in charge of the Kansas City bureau, said that the identification "checks except for a difference in height."

The comparison as made by Benton follows:

Campbell.	Unidentified Bandit.
Height, 5 feet 5 inches.	About 5 feet 8 inches.
Weight, 125 pounds.	About 140 pounds.
Build, medium.	Medium.
Age, 35.	Between 35 and 40.
Hair, brown.	Brown.
Eyes, blue.	Blue.
Scar corner of left eye.	Scar on left eyelid.
Lame in right leg.	Muscles right leg shriveled.
Teeth, decayed.	False teeth.
Vaccination, high and deep on left arm.	High and deep on left arm.

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St. Paul Dispatch
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HUNTED GUNMAN FALLS IN WOODS

Shot Dead?



HARRY CAMPBELL

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photographs and descriptions of the
dead man and of Campbell tallied
closely.

The dead man was described as
about 38 years of age, weight 140
pounds, height five feet, seven
inches, roughly dressed.

Harry Campbell was one of the
principals among the 26 persons in-
dicted for conspiracy in the \$200,-
000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer,
St. Paul banker.

Elusive, he was one of eight who
had been able to evade government
agents and police. If the dead man
is Campbell only seven Bremer
conspirators will remain at large.

Campbell was alleged to have
been one of the desperadoes who
performed the actual seizure of
Bremer in St. Paul in January,
1934.

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SLAIN GUNMAN KARPIS' PAL

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Campbell, with Karpis, shot their way from a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 20, 1935.

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JUNE 19, 1935

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MAN KILLED BY POLICE BELIEVED KARPIS AIDE

By the Associated Press.

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Officers Slay Fugitive, Think He Is Campbell

**But Prints of Bandit Suspect
Are Not Karpis Associate's**

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., June 19 (AP).—Officers tonight were uncertain of the identity of a bandit suspect, shot to death here today, who at first was believed to be Harry Campbell, indicted as Bremer kidnaper and associate of Alvin Karpis.

Two Springfield, Mo., detectives, who made the tentative identification, said later fingerprints of the slain man and those of Campbell did not check. In all other respects the dead man and descriptions of Campbell were identical, they said.

A cordon of local officers and state highway troopers continued to comb a wooded area near here for a man and woman, companions of the slain man. The trio were suspected in the holdup of a Poplar Bluff, Mo., night club last night during which Oscar Murphy, a musician, was shot and wounded.

The unidentified man was killed, Sergeant Nathan Massie, of the state highway patrol said, after he made an unsuccessful attempt to ambush Trooper Ben Graham and Sheriff C. D. McKinney, of Carter County, who had been pursuing the bandit car. Sheriff McKinney and Graham shot and killed him after a chase through the woods.

No Report Received at Capital
WASHINGTON, June 19 (AP).—Department of Justice spokesmen said today they had no information regarding the reported identification of a man shot to death at Willow Springs, Mo., as Harry Campbell, member of the Barker-Karpis gang wanted for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul in January, 1934.

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NEW YORK POST, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1935

Lost, Strayed, 2 Bloodhounds And 2 Bandits

**"Young and Timid" Dogs
Disappear—Holdup
Man Slain**

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., June 20 (AP).—Two "young and timid" bloodhounds, as well as a man and woman bandit they were brought to trail, were sought today by a cordon of southern Missouri officers and highway patrolmen.

A third member of the trio, wanted for a nightclub holdup at Poplar Bluff, was shot to death after he tried futilely to ambush pursuing officers yesterday with a sawed-off shotgun.

Officers who first tentatively identified the slain man as Harry Campbell, indicted as a Bremer kidnaper, later said his fingerprints failed to check with those of the widely hunted fugitive.

The bloodhounds were procured to trail the dead bandit's companions through dense Ozark woods bordering the highway.

"They were young and timid," Highway Trooper Ben Graham said, "but they took to the trail promptly."

"We turned them loose believing we could keep up with them. We learned later they were on the trail of a man and woman who had passed a farmhouse shortly before. We have been unable to find the dogs since."

Graham said the dogs had "dependent dispositions" and could have been taken along by any one—including the fugitives.

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Campbell, Prints Show**

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KARPIS AIDE SLAIN AFTER HOLD-UP

Tentatively Identified as
Harry Campbell; Wo-
man and Man Sought

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., June 19 (A. P.).—Officers this afternoon said a gunman shot to death here as he fled from a sheriff and a highway patrolman early today had been tentatively identified as Harry Campbell, one time associate of the fugitive Alvin Karpis.

The tentative identification was made by City Detectives Owens and Spencer, of Springfield, Mo. The officers left here immediately for Springfield, about 50 miles west of here.

Highway Patrolman Benjamin Graham, one of two officers who shot and killed the bandit in a wooded section near here, said that photographs and descriptions of the dead man and of Campbell tallied closely.

The dead man was described as about 38 years of age, weight 140 pounds, height five feet, seven inches, roughly dressed.

Hold-up Suspects

The man was shot to death shortly after Sheriff C. D. McKinney and Graham encountered him here. The officers were seeking the gunman, another man and a woman companion as suspects in a hold-up of a night club at Poplar Bluff, Mo., last night.

Campbell and Karpis are under indictment for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The man and woman companions of the slain suspect abandoned their coupe on the highway about six miles from the scene of the shooting, and nearly a score of officers were searching a heavily wooded section there for them.

In the automobile officers found a hunting license that was issued June 10 at Poplar Bluff, Mo., to a "W. H. Johnson" of St. Louis. A man by that name had been registered at a Poplar Bluff hotel recently.

Musician Wounded

A piano player, Oscar Murphy, was wounded as two men and a woman sprayed a Poplar Bluff night club with shotgun charges during a robbery last night. About \$75 was taken by the robbers.

Trace of Campbell and Karpis had been lost since they shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City, N. J., on January 20.

In their flight they seized Dr. H. Hunsicker, of 1625 Race st., Philadelphia, near Quakertown, Pa., and sped west in the physician's motor car.

Dr. Hunsicker was released unharmed at Medina, Ohio, and his car was later found.

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All attempts to identify the body
have thus far failed. A companion
of the dead man is being held in
jail at West Plains, Mo., but has re-
fused to talk.

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Closing In Public Enemies

**Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and Cugino
Expected to Be Captured or Killed
Soon by Hoover's Agents.**

By A. J. FOGLIETTA

AL CARBONE, John Dillinger, Baby-Face Nelson, Doc Barker, Ma Barker, Machine Gun Kelly, Bobby Mais and Walter Legenza. Once America's public enemies . . . now merely names. Some are in jail, and others are turning into dust . . . rubbed out by the gallows, electric chair and steel-jacket bullets from the guns of the now famous G-Men, special agents of the Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Wanted

Public Enemy No. 1



The names of the nation's four current Public Enemies are likely to be added to the list soon. They are:

1. Alvin Karpis, murderer and snatch man, wanted for murder and the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.
2. Harry Campbell, Karpis' lieutenant, also wanted for murder and the Bremer job.
3. William Mahan, snatcher of George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash.
4. Tony (The Stinger) Cugino, Philadelphia underworld killer with at least nine notches on his gun.



ALVIN KARPIS
Age, 35; height, 5, 9%; weight, 150; build, slender; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, fair; marks, 1-inch scar lower knuckle left index finger. Wanted for kidnaping.

Public Enemy No. 2



HARRY CAMPBELL
Age, 35. Born January 1, 1900, at McClintocville, Pa.; height, 5, 5; weight, 135 to 140; build, medium; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, ruddy-medium; marks, scar corner left eye, vaccination upper left arm, lame in right leg; teeth, decayed. Wanted for kidnaping.

Public Enemy No. 3



WILLIAM MAHAN
Age, 32; height, 5 10%; weight, 154½; build, regular; hair, black; eyes, brown; complexion, medium-light. Marks and scars: Small scar left cheek, burn scar both right and left upper arms inner; small cut scar left middle finger outer; cut scar right forefinger outer. Occupation, blacksmith, auto mechanic. Born in Canado, N. D. Wanted for kidnaping.

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of George Weyerhaeuser in To-
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Karpis Most Elusive

Stalking their trails are the so-
lute personnel of the Government's
crime fighting force under leader-
ship of Director J. Edgar Hoover.
This army of grim-faced young
men, looking more like college lads
than the fearless, straight-shooting
slueths whose deeds have made
police history, are daily ferreting
out the fugitives.

Chief G-Man Hoover says it
won't be long before their names
are placed on the department's
files marked "cases closed."

Most elusive of the enemies is
Karpis. Sole survivor of the band
of "bad-men" who terrorized the
middle western section of the coun-
try during the past three or four
years, he is marked to be "killed
on sight."

Escaped at ...

He narrowly escaped death at the
hands of the Government men last
winter when Doc Barker and his
mother attempted to shoot it out
and fell under a machine gun bar-
rage. Karpis, agents learned, left
the Barkers' leased mansion a few
minutes before they arrived.

Once again he and Campbell es-
caped capture when they machine-
gunned their way out of Atlantic
City, N. J., after being cornered by
police of the resort city who had
them spotted as car thieves.

In fleeing, Karpis and Campbell
left their women behind them.
Winona Burdette and Dolores De-
laney. They are now doing five
years each in the Federal prison
for women at Alderson, W. Va.

Mahan, in the parlance of police,
is an underworld "punk." The
Weyerhaeuser snatch was his first
big "job," but it placed him third
on the public enemies' list.

Cugino True Killer Type

Cugino long has been notorious
in the Philadelphia, New York, Jer-
sey and Baltimore underworlds.
Eight underworld characters have
fallen prey to this kill-crazy prod-
uct of Philadelphia's underworld.

Undersized and with a weasel-
like expression, he is the true killer
type, with gun or knife. One of
his killings came as the direct re-
sult of his frenzy to elude the law.
It occurred a few weeks ago on the
outskirts of Baltimore. "Tipped
off" that G-men had trailed him
there, he stole an automobile and
held up a gasoline station. When
an attendant started to remon-
strate with him, he shot him.

He is wanted for murder in New
York ... the killing of Anthony
"Musky" Zanghi, notorious Phila-
delphia gangster ... in New Jer-
sey for the killing of Cowboy Wal-
lace and two of Wallace's molls ...
in Philadelphia, and now in Mary-
land.

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One Crime's "Profits"

Though it was hardly noticed because of the Weyerhaeuser case, these men were sentenced in Federal Court at St. Paul for connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer:

- 1—Volney Davis, life imprisonment at Leavenworth.
- 2—John J. McLaughlin, five years.
- 3—James J. Wilson, five years.
- 4—Harold Alderton, twenty years.
- 5—Elmer Farmer, twenty years.

Two other men, Arthur Barker and Oliver Berg, had previously received life terms for their part in the case.

If you asked any one of these seven whether crime pays you would get a very definite answer.

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McLaughlin To Face Postal Raid Charges

CHICAGO, June 26.—(UP)—A writ of habeas corpus to remove John J. (Boss) McLaughlin from the federal prison at Leavenworth to face charges of participating in a \$250,000 postal robbery here was issued by Federal Judge Phillip L. Sullivan today.

McLaughlin is serving a five-year term in Leavenworth on conviction of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

McLaughlin will be arraigned with 39 others charged with implica-

tion in the postal robbery on Dec. 8, 1932, which was engineered in downtown Chicago at the intersection of Clark and Adams sts. McLaughlin allegedly aided in disposing of the loot.

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HARRY SAWYER, ALLEGED
 finger man in the Edward G.
 Bremer kidnaping, must remain
 in Ramsey county jail to await
 trial in federal court here or dig
 up \$100,000 bond. Judge M. M.
 Joyce Tuesday denied a motion
 for reduction of bond to \$50,000.
 The plea was made by E. L.
 Drill, former United States dis-
 trict attorney, here.

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2 Gang Wives Battle Over Seized Car

Two women brought their best "made" to Federal Court today in their fight for ownership of an automobile seized after government agents killed the gangster husband of one and arrested the gangster husband of the other.

Mrs. Clara Gibson, widow of Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, who was killed last January in a North Side apartment by government men, flouted a bill of sale and certificate of title to back up her claim.

Mrs. Veva Bolton, mother of two children and wife of the jailed Byron Bolton, one of the George Bremer kidnapers in St. Paul, contended that her husband gave Gibson the money to buy the car.

As they awaited the calling of the case by Federal Judge Sullivan, the former friends stood on opposite sides of the corridor outside the courtroom and glared fiercely at each other as their attorneys kept watch to prevent open hostilities.

Mrs. Gibson already has gained possession of two cars, a Buick and a Ford, but she also seeks the one now in controversy, a Ford bought last November 3 from the Verba Motor Company.

She is represented by Attorney Leo Klein, former assistant district attorney, while Mrs. Bolton has Attorney Frank Peska, former city prosecutor.

Bolton has been convicted, but not yet sentenced, for the Bremer kidnaping.

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Dispute Title to Car Seized in Gun Fight

Chicago, Ill.—(AP)—The wives of two notorious gangsters were involved in federal court Friday in a suit over possession of an automobile seized by federal agents after a gun fight in which one of the gangsters was slain.

The women are Mrs. Clara Gibson, wife of Russell Gibson, killed when agents raided his apartment last January, and Mrs. Veva Bolton, wife of Byron Bolton, who confessed participating in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Mrs. Gibson claimed that federal agents found the title to the car in her bedroom the night her husband was killed. Even though the title was made out in the name of Andrew Alton, an alias sometimes used by Bolton, Mrs. Gibson claimed her husband had expressed the intention of buying the car and had talked of giving Bolton the money to purchase it for him.

Mrs. Bolton will testify that the car was purchased by her husband with his own money under his own alias.

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DELAYS DECISION ON OWNERSHIP OF KIDNAPERS' AUTO

(Picture on back page.)
Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan yesterday continued until Monday a hearing to decide who is the owner of an automobile seized by federal agents after Russell Gibson, suspected kidnaper, was shot to death on Jan. 18 when he resisted arrest in an apartment at 3922 Pine Grove avenue. Mrs. Clara Gibson, widow of the slain hoodlum, and Mrs. Veva Bolton, wife of Byron Bolton, an associate of Gibson, both claimed the automobile.
Bolton is now in St. Paul awaiting sentence on a plea of guilty in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, the crime for which Gibson was sought.
Agents of the division of investigation of the department of justice were granted the right to use the car until the ownership is determined.



FIGHTS FOR CAR—Clara Gibson, widow of slain gangster, Russell Gibson, in federal court yesterday.

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What the Wallpaper Told the "G-Men"

*Through His Blindfold the Rich B.
Son Saw and Remembered
Pattern—Then Uncle
Sam Nabbed the
Gangsters*



RANSOM OF A PRINCE

Adolph Bremer (Above),
St. Paul Brewer, and Friend
of President Roosevelt, Paid
\$200,000 to Members of the Karpis-
Barker Gang for the Safe Return of His
Son, Edward (Right), His Heir.

IT was a bleak, bitter day in December, 1934, three weeks before Christmas. Three men sat around a pot-bellied stove in a scrubby section of St. Paul. Snow was falling outside. The weather had all the appearances of developing into a blizzard.

The three men were Alvin Karpis, already a close rival of the late John Dillinger as Public Enemy No. 1. The other two were Fred Barker, a bank bandit turned kidnaper, and his brother, Arthur (Doc) Barker, whose only claim to gangland fame was that he was a brother of Fred and had done some excellent trigger work with a tommy gun.

For weeks these three men planned to kidnap Edward J. Bremer, St. Paul banker, son of Adolph Bremer, President of the St. Paul & Northern Pacific.

The kidnapers kept Bremer blindfolded every moment of the day and night. They spoke in whispers so that he might not hear and remember their normal voices. The gross mistake they made, according to the G-men, was in using surgical gauze for a blindfold instead of silk or linen or some other closely-woven fabric.

Bremer found he was able to see objects through the gauze without removing it. But he was not able to distinguish the features of the men who stood guard over him. So Bremer hit upon an idea which eventually gave the G-men the break they needed.

He studied the wallpaper in the room, which he



...unseen their prey, and a section of wallpaper which he saw through his mask of medical gauze—and remembered.

On the morning of January 17, several weeks later, Bremer was kidnaped. He had just dropped his daughter, Betty, 13, off at her school and was on his way to his office when a sedan blocked his path at an arterial highway. Bremer was beaten unconscious when he resisted the two men who leaped out. They shrouded his eyes with goggles, shoved him under the dashboard, and drove furiously away in the Bremer automobile. Then the snatchers and their victim switched to another car, after they had proceeded a mile. The Bremer vehicle was abandoned at this point.

Although the kidnap band had used Bremer's car, they didn't leave a single tell-tale fingerprint on it. They had tossed two cans from their own car but they had left no trace to help the police in their quest.

Several days later, just as Bremer's family were beginning to believe that he had been murdered, a bottle containing a note was hurled through the kitchen window of the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, the Bremer family physician. In it the kidnapers ordered the doctor to notify Walter W. Magee, a friend of the Bremer family, to look under the garbage can in the rear of his office for a note.

Thus began the negotiations which resulted in the return of Bremer to his family after his father, through Magee as intermediary, had paid over to the snatchers the \$200,000 ransom they demanded.

The \$200,000 in marked bills was handed over to the kidnapers on Feb. 7. Late that night young Bremer, unshaven, bedraggled and severely shaken mentally, staggered into his father's home and collapsed. It was several hours before the victim could talk to the G-men. Meanwhile the kidnapers, with their 40 pounds of greenbacks, were speeding over the wide-ribbed highways, presumably secure in the belief that they had pulled a "perfect job."

It was perfect except in one respect.



certain noises he had heard in the neighborhood, particularly the rattle of milk bottles about six o'clock in the morning.

Bremer was taken to the shack after he had given the G-men the approximate time he had heard noises—the nearby whistle of a train, for instance.

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CRASH! WENT THE PANE

And Straight Through the Front Door of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Bremer Family Physician, Went a Bottle. It Contained a Note From the Snatchers Giving Preliminary Instructions as to the Ransom Payment.

of what looked like cobwebs. In the background there appeared to be a picket fence. Bremer looked sharply—and planted the picture deep in his memory.

After he was released, for ten hours Bremer described over and over the design of the paper. He was able to fashion for experts of the Department of Justice a pattern which was so amazingly like the original that the artist who designed it thought that the composite was his own creation.

Every piece of wallpaper of that particular design was traced. The dealer who sold 16 rolls to a painter recalled that he shipped it to Bensenville, Ill., across the state line. The painter took the G-men to an old shack across the railroad tracks. Of course, Bremer could not identify the shack as his prison for 23 days. But he did recall

The pause of the train at the station. The ringing of the train bell. Everything checked up beautifully.

Certain that they had at last located the hideout, the G-men started combing the neighborhood. About 100 yards from the shack they found a flashlight. (At first it looked as if it might have been left by a camper. But they sent it to Washington first, and then traced it to a St. Paul department store, and to the salesgirl who sold it to a man whose features she recalled minutely.

"That's the man!" she declared with conviction, pointing to a Rogue's Gallery picture of Alvin Karpis. "I'll never forget him as long as I live."

In almost the same breath, she unhesitatingly picked up the picture of Arthur (Doc) Barker. The G-men knew that Karpis and Barker were leading a band of bandits and kidnapers. Therefore, this identification of the two men out of a batch of more than 100 photographs could not possibly be mere coincidence.

It was the break the G-men had been praying for. They had the shack located and identified as the hideout of

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Through His Thin
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Justice Struck!

surrendering. As side-kick, Russell
(Rusty) Gibson, was being riddled by
another squad of G-men who surprised
him in an apartment not far from where
"Doc" was taken.
Harry (Mean Harry) Sawyer took a
long lam to Pass Christian, Miss., but
the arm of the G-men reached out to
Harry and sent him to Leavenworth
Penitentiary. Elmer Farmer and By-
ron Bolton, reputed to be the trigger-
men of the Karpis-Barker mob, decided,
in the face of what happened to Fred
and Ma Barker, that discretion was the
better part of valor. They surrendered,
pleaded guilty, and were sent away for
life terms.

In a St. Paul courtroom the other day,
"Doc" Barker, shackled to Oliver
(Ollie) Berg, Harold Alderton, John J.
(Boss) McLaughlin, former Chicago
politician, and James Wilson were led
before Judge Matthew M. Joyce to be
sentenced under the
Lindbergh Law.

Barker and Berg were
given life.
George F. Sulli-
van, U. S. At-

stained hands, ready to shoot it out
rather than surrender to dangle at the
end of a rope.

"I'll get Karpis and every member
of his mob," Chief Edgar Hoover sent
assurances from Washington. "We
won't sleep until every last one of them
is in jail."

Thus will end—for all practical pur-
poses of the law—what society had
hoped would be the last major snatch in
this new era of kidnaping.

For months, according to a confes-
sion by one of the kidnap band, Karpis
planned the Bremer snatch. Every de-
tail was worked out with the precision
of a general planning an attack before
going into battle.

"There was nothing left to chance or
guessing," District Attorney Sullivan,
of St. Paul, said recently. "Bremer
was to be snatched in accordance with
'blueprint' rules. It was to be a per-
fect crime without a flaw to betray
them."

And in the light of events, it appears
that the Bremer kidnaping would have
been a perfect snatch had it not been
for that little patch of wallpaper saw
its pastoral design that Bremer saw
and studied from behind his translucent
blindfold.

That little patch of paper told the
G-men where Bremer was
held prisoner and tortured
until the ransom was paid.
In the hideout
they found evi-
dence which fa-



A SORRY QUARTET

Four of the Mob
"Perfect Crime"
Left to Right:
Barker, Ollie Berg,
"Rusty" Gibson.
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Who Found the
Never Works.
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the kidnap band. They
knew, from the finding
of the flashlight, that
Karpis and Barker
had been in that shack. The chain
began to assemble itself in such a way
that as each link was forged it be-
came more certain that Karpis had
"blue-printed" the Bremer kidnaping,
and that he and Barker were the brains
of the mob. The G-men kept the wires
between St. Paul and Washington siz-
zling with hot developments. In the
White House, President Roosevelt kept
himself informed of the progress of the
case. The President had personally
asked the G-men to spare nothing to
"catch the kidnapers of the son of my
friend, Adolph Bremer."

With these instructions, the manhunt,
the greatest in the history of American
crime, was on. Two hundred G-men,
most of them looking like young college
students, but actually veterans in the
Division of Investigation, joined the
hunt. Into the slimy depths of the un-
derworld these young "dicks" went.
They combed the roadhouses, dives and
resorts of the underworld for Karpis
or Barker—or both.

On the night of Jan. 10, there was a
shooting affray in a dive in Kansas City.
The police told newsmen that it was
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fends of the snatch racket, and sent
every member of the gang to jail—all
except Karpis—who is probably at this
writing living a ghostly death, awaiting
momentarily a blast of fire from Gov-
ernment agents.

So, the pet theory of crooks that there
is such a thing as a perfect crime is
shattered to atoms again.

It just can't be done—not so long as
it is possible for snatch victims to make
a little scrap of wallpaper talk.

When the Wallpaper "Squealed" on a Kidnap Gang

It Helped Trap the Abductors of Edward G. Bremer, Who Didn't Know He Was Memorizing Its Design While They Held Him for \$200,000 Ransom

THE experience of skilled man-hunters, especially those of the Federal operatives—the "G-men"—whom criminals so justly fear—proves that few malefactors ever commit a clueless crime.

There have been, of course, a number of noteworthy felonies which are, as yet, beyond solution; the perpetrator still beyond apprehension. But in the greater number of instances by far, the criminal has left behind him, unnoted or disregarded as trivial, some clue either to his supposedly carefully thought out plan of accomplishment or to his subsequent identification.

Such clues are often of the flimsiest character, often they are afforded by the criminal's ignorance of the

"Dot" Barker's Fingerprints Which, on Gasoline Cans and Flashlights, Helped Connect Him of the Bremer Kidnaping.

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Bremer's friend, Walter Magee, Magee saw none of the men. He was guided by letters to the spot at which he was to leave the money, and, as he neared it, by lights flashing in the darkness of

their search, was that in the narrow bedroom where he had been a prisoner he had observed the pattern of the wallpaper, a table, an unfastened part of a window which had been boarded up; the

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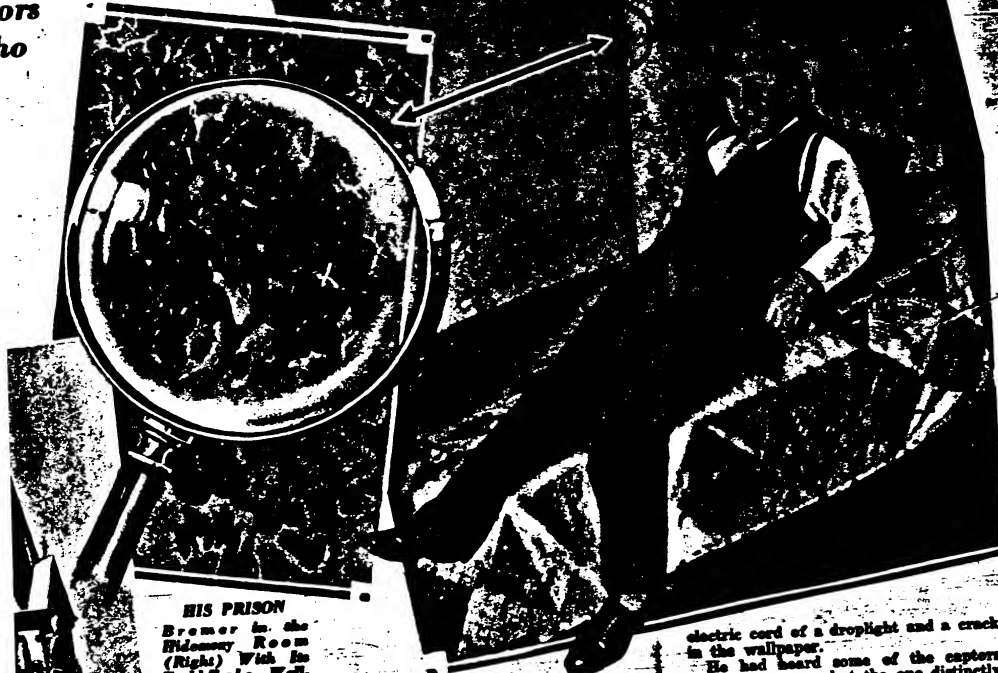
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Wallpaper Gang

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HIS PRISON

Bremer in the
Hideway Room
(Right) With
Toll-Free Wall-
paper (Shown in
Detail Above).
Where He Spent
23 Days of Cap-
tivity. At Left, St.
Boniface's Church
in Nebraska, Whose
Chimes Were Like
Those He Often
Heard. But This
Turned Out to Be
a False Clue.

a lonely road, a pre-arranged signal.
Having got the money, \$115,000 in
\$10 bills and \$35,000 in \$5 bills, the
desperados again bandaged Bremer's
eyes, searched his clothing to make sure
he was carrying away no object which
would aid in locating the "hideout," and
drove him in a car for what seemed to
him ten or twelve hours. Then he was
thrown out, and when he removed the
bandages found himself on the out-
skirts of Rochester, Minn., miles from

electric cord of a droplight and a crack
in the wallpaper.

He had heard some of the captors
speak, of course, but the one distinctly
memorable sound he had remembered
was that of church chimes which were
rung at regular and unvarying intervals.
How close they were he could not deter-
mine, since they were affected by
changing air currents.

So frequent was the sound of the
bells, and Bremer had heard them so
often that he was able to recall their
tonal quality and the tunes played on
them. This was deemed by the "G-
men" as a valuable clue, for all its
vagueness.

They acted upon it at once, sending
many operatives all through that part
of the Middle West in which it had been
rightfully decided Bremer was kept a
hostage. They went on an intensive
search for a church with that particular
kind of chimes. They went through
several States, and at last found a most
likely one in the hills of distant Menom-
inee, Neb.—St. Boniface's Roman Cath-
olic Church.

Its chimes, the hours they were rung,
the tunes they played were identical
with what Bremer had heard during his
long captivity. But, unfortunately, the
chimes proved in the end to have led
the "G-men" on a wild goose chase.
Bremer's prison was later located a long
distance from Menominee.

However, the captive had given the
detectives several real clues, faint
though they seemed to be. He told them
that his captors had carried cans of gas-
oline, which they threw away as they
were emptied on his last ride in their car.

The ransom money, as the bandits
had been promised, had not been marked
in any way. But before it left the bank
eight stenographers, working night and
day, had taken down the serial number
of each bill.

Within a short time, four flashlights
were found near the spot where they
had been used by the gangsters to guide
Magua, and, soon afterwards, four
empty gasoline cans and a funnel were
picked up along the road over which
Bremer had been driven.

EXCEPT for these, the standard of
the clues, apparently, the Federal de-
tectives, directed by Harold Nathan, of
the Department of Justice, had nothing
to guide them other than the likelihood
of the house where Bremer had been
held.

But on the gasoline cans and the
flashlights, when found by Detective
Magua, and the funnel, the "G-men" were
able to find a clue.



Mr. Edward G.
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CHICAGO, JOHN J. (BOSS) McLAUGHLIN, CONVICTED MONEY CHANGER OF THE
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 A \$225,000 MAIL ROBBERY ENTERED PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT
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**McLaughlin Ill in Prison;
Delay Loop Holdup Case**

John J. [Boss] McLaughlin has an infected eye and was too ill to be brought here from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth yesterday to be arraigned with thirty-nine others for conspiracy to possess bonds taken in the \$250,000 holdup of postal employes at Clark and Adams streets on Dec. 6, 1932. His attorney entered a plea of not guilty for McLaughlin and the case was put over until the fall terms of court. McLaughlin, a former Chicago politician, now is serving a five year term for helping to dispose of the ransom in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

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Judge Ponders Gang Wives' Row Over Car

Gibson Widow, Mrs. Bolton Both Claim Ownership.

CHICAGO, July 2—(AP)—Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan today took under advisement until July 15 a dispute over ownership of a car seized by federal agents Jan. 8 when they killed Russell Gibson, Karpis-Barker gangster.

The litigants were Gibson's widow, Mrs. Clara Gibson, and Mrs. Veva Bolton, wife of Byron Bolton, alleged associate of Gibson. Mrs. Gibson said her husband purchased the car but Mrs. Bolton claimed her husband furnished the money.

Bolton is awaiting sentence in St. Paul after a plea of guilty to a charge of participating in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.



MRS. CLARA GIBSON.

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TOUHY CORNERED BY U. S. AGENTS IN WISCONSIN

Mail Holdup Fugitive Re- ported Crippled by Bul- let Wounds.

Tommy Touhy, crippled by bullet wounds and wasted by illness, is making a last stand in a northern Wisconsin hideout, it was learned today.

Postoffice inspectors were reported closing in on "The Terrible" Touhy, last of the notorious family that once ruled with smoking guns more territory than Al Capone boasted in his heyday.

Reports from the north woods today, brought by United Press, indicated the desperado has been located by the persistent postal inspectors who are out to get him, dead if need be unless—and this is a strong possibility—he surrenders voluntarily.

He may give himself up on learning that St. Paul authorities are not interested in connecting him with the kidnappings of William Hamm or Edward G. Bremer. He is wanted instead for complicity in the robbery of a mail train from which \$20,000 was taken.

Compared with the crimes of kidnapping, murder and bank robbery which have been laid at the door of the Touhy gang, the train robbery is relatively minor. Instead of a capital crime it is an offense for which the maximum penalty is twenty-five years in prison.

Last Member of Gang.
Eight men participated in the St. Paul robbery. Seven of them are in jail or dead. Tommy Touhy is the eighth, and postal inspectors are determined to go to every length to capture him and thus completely solve the crime.

The government is convinced now that the Touhy gang had nothing to do with the Hamm kidnapping. Rather, authorities believe, the Alvin Karpis-George Barker gang kidnaped both Hamm and Bremer. Barker now is serving a life term for the Bremer abduction and Karpis is sought as the nation's No. 1 public enemy.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney in St. Paul, said flatly that his office does not want Touhy for the Hamm abduction, and Hamm confirmed this with the statement:

"So far as I know Tommy Touhy was not involved in my kidnapping."

May Go to Hospital.
No, just as Al Capone went to prison only for income-tax violation because he was smart enough to have his underlings do the "dirty work," Touhy may go to prison only for a mail robbery. More likely, he will go into a prison hospital to recover from bullet wounds sustained in battles with police and with other gangsters, from a broken arm suffered in the stone quarry of the Michigan state prison, and from the exposure and privation that he has suffered in his continual flight from justice.

Should Touhy surrender he probably would be taken at once to St. Paul, where Sullivan indicated he would demand a \$50,000 bond. If bail were furnished, Touhy would be free to seek medical and surgical care while awaiting trial.

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SAN FRANCISCO CALL BULLETIN
July 12, 1935
(Friday)

NELSON AIDE TO HUNT FRISCH

Call-Bulletin July 12
Plans for searching for the body of Roy J. Frisch, murdered Reno bank teller, were being made today, as probability was expressed that John Paul Chase, self-asserted eye witness, would be taken from Alcatraz Island to lead the hunt.

Chase, now serving a life term at Alcatraz for murder of a federal agent, asserted George ("Baby Face") Nelson, the slain gunman, was the actual killer of the Reno banker. He told federal authorities Nelson dumped the body down a deserted Nevada mine shaft.

U. S. Attorney H. H. McPike revealed a sworn statement by Joe ("Fatso") Negri, made while he was in custody here in connection with the Nelson harboring trial, contains much confirmation of the Chase confession.

Department of Justice agents here and in Reno, however, stated that they have received no official confirmation of the confession.

Frisch, subpoenaed as a government witness, disappeared in Reno on the eve of going to New York to testify against James Graham and William McKay, Reno gambling czars, in a mail fraud trial.

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REPORT MISSING. BANKER SLAIN AT RENO BY NELSON

Federal Prisoner Says He Saw Killing.

Reno, Nev., July 13. — (AP) — Solution of the mysterious disappearance nearly 16 months ago of Roy J. Frisch, Reno banker, appeared nearer tonight as authorities investigated the story Frisch was slain by the late gangster, [Baby Face] Nelson.

Following confirmation today by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that John Paul Chase, life term in Alcatraz federal penitentiary, had admitted he witnessed Frisch's slaying, federal, state, city and county authorities united in a renewed investigation here.

United States Attorney E. P. Carville said his office was "hard at work" on the case and that he had been assured the cooperation of all of Nevada's law enforcement agencies.

Search for Remains.

Search for Frisch's remains, Carville said, would be undertaken as soon as more details of the alleged killing are obtained.

The possibility that Chase, a former pal of Nelson, would be brought to Reno to help find the body was discussed. Carville declined to comment.

Frisch's body was reported to have been disposed of in a shallow grave near a mine shaft several miles from Reno after Nelson had burned his clothes and destroyed other means of identification.

Frisch, who was 41, unmarried and widely known, vanished the night of March 22, 1934, after saying he was going to a theater. His movements were traced as far as a residential district street corner. From that point on officers were baffled in their search.

Banker Beaten, Shot.

According to Chase's story, Nelson hit Frisch on his head with a revolver and threw him in an automobile. Several miles from Reno, Chase said, Nelson shot the banker.

Rewards were offered. Posses searched the Truckee river and Lake Tahoe regions. Other recruits and officers were sent into the depths of abandoned mine shafts.

The department of justice entered the case, it was said, because Frisch, former cashier of the defunct Riverside bank in Reno, was to have been an important witness for the government in the trial of William Graham and James C. McKay, Reno gambling kings, accused by a federal grand jury of mail fraud.

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U. S. INVESTIGATING MURDER OF BANKER

J. E. Hoover Says Convict Has Confessed Baby Face Nelson Killed Reno Man in 1934.

PRESIDENT IS INTERESTED

Politicians Reported Involved—Victim Was Witness Against Gambling Syndicate.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 12.—The reported investigation by Federal agents of a murder mystery in which President Roosevelt was said to be interested because of important political figures involved was verified here today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

The investigation concerns the killing of Roy J. Frisch, Reno bank cashier, by the late Baby Face Nelson in 1934.

A confession made by one of Nelson's confederates in Alcatraz, according to Mr. Hoover, tells how Frisch was shot by Nelson at the instigation of a gambling syndicate run by politicians who feared the testimony of the bank cashier. The operations of the syndicate were nation-wide, according to the confession, and netted in excess of \$1,000,000 a year.

John Paul Chase, the Alcatraz prisoner, who pinned the murder of Frisch on Nelson, one-time public enemy No. 1, was a partner of Nelson in the pistol fight in which Federal agents Cowley and Hollis were killed and Nelson himself fatally wounded.

According to the confession of Chase, Frisch was beaten into insensibility by Nelson on a Reno Street, taken for a 180-mile ride and buried in a hole of an abandoned mine after his body had been riddled with bullets.

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Touhy Deal Fails

Chicago, Ill.—G.P.—Negotiations for the surrender of Tommy Touhy, last of the notorious Touhy brothers still at large, have failed and government agents have renewed their manhunt in the north woods for the desperado. It was learned Monday.

For a time Touhy, crippled by bullet wounds and emaciated by sickness, dickered through an intermediary over terms by which he would surrender and stand trial on charges of participating in a \$20,000 St. Paul mail robbery.

He was in northern Wisconsin at that time, not far from Winter, it was reported. When he was unable to reach satisfactory terms with postal authorities who have apprehended all of the original mail robbery gang of eight with this single exception, Toughy was reported to have shifted his hideout still farther north, probably into the northern peninsula of Michigan.

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FREED MYSTERY MAN— SOUGHT IN KIDNAPING

Northampton, Mass., July 17 (P). —Police learned that a man they had allowed freedom on \$200 bail after he had told them "it's up to you to find out who I am," was sought by the department of justice for questioning about the Bremer kidnaping.

The man was identified by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, as William E. Mead, 38, a confidence man with a long record, although



William E. Mead

Mead had burned his finger tips with acid, found in his car when he was arrested here Saturday.

Hoover said Mead's prints presented the "worst case of mutilation to come to our attention."

Mead, held here for minor automobile law violations, after questioning by police, was bailed early Sunday by Herbert F. Callahan, a noted Boston criminal lawyer, who at that time declined to discuss his client's business or identity.

At Washington, Hoover's office said the Northampton police had been asked to hold Mead for questioning in the Bremer case, but apparently his instructions were received here after Mead had been allowed bail.

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LET HUNTED MAN GO
Meade, Sought for Questioning in
Bremer Kidnaping, Gets Away.
By the Associated Press.
NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 17.
 —It was William E. Meade, 68,
 sought for questioning in the Bremer
 kidnaping, whom the Northampton
 police let slip through their fingers
 last Sunday, it was revealed today.
 Meade was arrested Saturday on a
 minor automobile charge. His finger-
 tips had been burned with acid.
 He told police "it's up to you to find
 out who I am."
 Northampton police found out—
 after they had released Meade in
 \$300 bail.

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The Acid Test

Bureau Matches Fingerprints, Despite Burns.

A man arrested by the police of Northampton, Mass., home of the late Calvin Coolidge, refused to reveal his identity, saying:

"It's up to you to find out who I am."

He was confident they wouldn't find out, for he had mutilated his finger tips by pouring strong acid on them. Northampton police, nevertheless, went through the routine of taking impressions of his fingers and these they sent to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Yesterday Hoover asked Northampton to hold the man, and at the same time announced he had been identified as William E. Meade, a confidence man and former convict, wanted for jumping bond in Jacksonville, Fla., and also for questioning in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Hoover said Meade's finger tips were the most thoroughly mutilated ever noted by his bureau. However, he said, the acid had failed to eat into a few whorls and loops. These were enlarged, compared with those on file, and the identification followed.

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SUBJECT NAMED IN KIDNAPING

Another suspect today was added to the long list of persons involved in the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 ransom kidnaping when Attorney General Cummings revealed the Department of Justice is seeking one William Edward Mead, alias Charles Connor, for questioning.

Cummings said Mead, who jumped a \$200 bail in Northampton, Mass., after being arrested there on July 15 for driving an improperly registered automobile, was involved in the "snatch" of the wealthy St. Paul banker.

Mead also jumped a \$10,000 bail in Jacksonville, Fla., recently. He joins Alvin "Bo" Karpis as the outstanding figure wanted by the Department of Justice for participation in the crime which resulted in the death or imprisonment of both the notorious Barker boys and their mother and several other gangsters and politicians.

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Trail Karpis

Police Seeking Gang Chief in Sheriff Kidnaping

BURY, Neb., July 18.—(P)—County and state authorities today searched for a gang of gunmen who abducted Sheriff Emil Ackman from his home here, took him on a wild midnight ride and released him unharmed in front of his home two hours later.

Ackman was convinced from the conversation of the men and their questions they were seeking information concerning Hess Doyle, held in connection with the \$150,000 robbery of the First National Bank at Fairbury, April 4, 1933, and he believes one of them might have been Alvin Karpis, one of the nation's "public enemies."

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Gang 'Twins' Fooled Victim of Kidnaping

St. Paul, Minn.-UPI—Amazing resemblances between members of two kidnaping gangs was responsible for the fruitless prosecution of kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, it was disclosed Friday.

New information obtained by federal department of justice agents revealed that William E. Meade, the "most wanted confidence man in the world," according to J. Edgar Hoover, and the Barker-Karpis gangsters perpetrated both the Hamm and the Edward G. Bremer abductions.

Hoover, head of the department investigation, confirmed these findings by long distance telephone conversation.

Same "Finger Man"

The information indicates that Meade served as the "finger man" in the Hamm abduction and shared that job with Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, in the Bremer case.

Meade bears a striking resemblance to Eddie (Father Tom) McFadden of the Touhy gang, whom Hamm identified as the man who accosted him near his home June 15, 1934, when the abduction occurred. Experts say it is difficult to tell Meade from McFadden from available photographs.

There are two other sets of "twins" in the Touhy and Barker-Karpis gangs, federal agents discovered.

Sharkey Like Barker

Sharkey, Touhy gunman who committed suicide in the Ramsey county jail after his acquittal. Federal agents found that Sharkey's features were strongly identical to those of Arthur (Doc) Barker, now serving a life sentence for the Bremer abduction.

The other pair is Tom Touhy, recently reported ready to surrender, and Fred Barker, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang. Fred Barker was slain by federal agents in Florida last spring.

Meade's implication in the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings was revealed after his arrest and release on \$2,000 bond for automobile law violations in Northampton, Mass.

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Love Again Proves Blind in the Byways of Crime

Chicago, Ill.—(U.P.)—Marie Austin, a pretty brown haired girl of 19, believed in her husband, fought for him, and even borrowed money on their furniture to help him. She laughed when everyone said he was a criminal.

"Bruno's swell," she said. "He's awfully good to me."

When police snatched him from her arms as they left the church after their wedding last January, she told the bridesmaids that there "must be some mistake." He was charged with burglary.

Then, after he was acquitted on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, she was sure their existence would be happy like that of other young married couples.

"He got a job as an awning hanger and I thought we could start all over again," she sobbed Tuesday night as she stood beside two hardened outlaws before a spotlight at the police "show-up."

"I knew Bruno three months before we were married," she added tearfully. "He was always lovely to me—brought me gifts—and after he got his job he gave me all of his pay check every week. He had been in trouble and I couldn't leave him."

"The last time he got in trouble I borrowed money on the furniture and now I owe \$150. I haven't a cent and I don't know how I'll ever pay back the money. But I know I can't stand any more trouble. I never was in trouble before I met Bruno."

Maria was seized in the Austin apartment where police found a blood stained jacket. Austin wanted for the slaying of Anthony Banetta, who was shot when Austin and three companions held up a grocery store Monday. Austin was wounded.



(Associated Press Photo)

Mrs. Bruno Austin

Austin's confederates were apprehended. They are David Sinnenberg, also wounded during the robbery; Alex Shapiro, shot by police, and Morris Jacobs.

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DIRECTED JOB FROM DETROIT, POLICE ASSERT

Chief Bases Theory on
Long-Distance Phone
Calls

HUNT CENTERED HERE

Superintendent of Police James H. Davenport, of Chester, today declared that he believes yesterday's \$48,000 bank hold-up in that city was engineered by Alvin Karpis, fugitive kidnapper, and remnants of his gang now believed to be located in Detroit.

Davenport said he reached this conclusion after learning that an unusually large number of long-distance telephone calls had been made in recent weeks between Chester and Detroit. He said he did not think that Karpis took part in the hold-up himself, but directed the robbery from a distance with the aid of Detroit and Philadelphia gunmen.

Karpis fled through this part of the country a few months ago after shooting his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City. He kidnapped an Allentown and Philadelphia doctor and forced him to drive himself and a companion into Ohio. Later he was believed to have reorganized his gang in Michigan.

U. S. Agents Join Hunt

The theory that Karpis and his mobsters were involved in the hold-up helped to explain the unprecedented activity of Federal Division of Investigation agents in hunting for the gang. Government agents, armed with submachine guns, joined City Hall detectives in an all-night search of South Philadelphia underworld haunts.

Superintendent Davenport, who worked on the case all night with several of his men, said the bandits would not have escaped so easily if Chester police had radio-equipped cars like those in Upper Darby and Philadelphia.

He said he believed the gang knew there was no radio equipment in Chester and picked that city to stage their coup. They abandoned their own car within 300 feet of the Philadelphia city line, where they knew radio cars would

CHESTER HOLD-UP LAID TO KARPIS BY POLICE CHIEF

\$48,000 Theft Linked to Gang
Fugitive on Basis of
Phone Calls

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Highland Avenue, and the loot was entirely in \$1 to \$20 bills. After many employees had visited City Hall to inspect Rogues Gallery pictures, it was hinted that two of the leaders of the bandit mob were known and that both were paroled convicts. At least eight men and one woman said to have helped the gang "spot" the bank are being sought in connection with the hold-up.

Federal agents of the Division of Investigation joined in the hunt because the robbery was staged at a national bank and it was thought some of the loot might be carried across State lines.

R. George Harvey, agent in charge of the local office, sent Lee Levin and six picked men out to track down the gang and later disclosed that they had uncovered "plenty of clues." He said his men believe they know the identity of the bandits and have linked them with a band of professional bank robbers.

The Government men, speeding along Market Street near Ninth in a big squad car last night, almost exchanged shots with Philadelphia police engaged in the same search. The police saw machine guns in the Federal agents' car and ordered them to stop. The agents quickly identified themselves and speeded on their way.

From City Hall Lieutenant Thomas McGorian and Sergeants Richard Doyle and Edward Hennigan were assigned to lead the search for the bandits as it became evident that some of them at least had taken refuge in Philadelphia with their haul. Late last night the three men left the Detective Bureau with submachine guns, refusing to reveal their destination.

Veteran manhunters in the Philadelphia Police Bureau expressed the belief that there were more men involved in the hold-up than the five who fled with the loot in a green sedan, later found abandoned in Yeadon, just over the Philadelphia City line.

Captain James (Shokey) Malone, who has had long experience in such cases, said he believed other members of the gang followed the green car from the scene of the hold-up and picked up their companions as soon as they reached

A large dark sedan was seen parked half a block from the bank during the hold-up yesterday with two men in it, and Chester police believe they were "trigger men," ready to shoot if the hold-up was interrupted.

The bank robbery was said to be the first of large scale ever staged in Chester, and the loot was one of the largest criminal hauls in this section in recent years. More than half of the stolen money, or \$25,000 was a payroll of the Philadelphia Electric Company, which had been delivered to the bank a half hour earlier.

The branch is located at Third Street and Highland Avenue, Chester. Four employees were lined up against the wall with their hands in the air, and a customer was forced to lie on the floor by the bandits, one of whom carried a submachine gun.

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ALVIN KARPIS BELIEVED 'BRA' OF \$48,000 CHESTER BANK

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Associated Press
ALVIN KARPIS
Fugitive kidnapper and gangster, who is believed by police and Federal agents to have engineered yesterday's \$48,000 robbery of the Delaware County National Bank, in Chester, from a Detroit hideout

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KARPIS AND 2 AIDS LOSE CAR IN BATTLE

Flee on Foot After Gun Battle
With Nebraska Police.

FAIRBURY, Neb. July 23.—(P)—Three gunmen believed headed by Alvin Karpis, fought a gun battle with two police officers today in Fairbury streets.

A shotgun charge fired by Foster Helvey, assistant police chief, disabled the bandits' car, and the three fled on foot while Helvey and Police Chief Joe Cook stopped for more ammunition.

Helvey said he believed the same trio last week kidnaped Sheriff Emil Ackman, of Fairbury, who declared one of his abductors was Karpis, sought for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

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Karpis' Gang Battles Through 4 States; Fights Nebraska Police, Abducts Kansan

By The Associated Press.

BLUE RAPIDS, Kan., July 23.—Man hunters of four States joined tonight in a search for three reported killers, one believed by some pursuers to be Alvin Karpis.

They fought a gun battle with police at Fairbury, Neb., and later abducted a man whom they released near here in their wild flight today.

Leaving a trail of stolen motor cars over Kansas and Nebraska, they were believed headed for Kansas City or the hills of Oklahoma.

In need of a car after the Fairbury gunfight, the three men entered that of W. E. Grogman, Kansas City salesman, at Herkimer, Kan., forcing him to accompany them. They gave him a two-hour ride, then tied him to a chair in a church near here. They left with his automobile and most of his belongings.

All were armed with revolvers and also had at least three machine guns, Grogman said. They boasted of being "tough guys." Grogman said they refrained from addressing each other by name.

At Fairbury they were forced to

leave a stolen automobile after the gun battle with Police Chief Joe Cook and Officer Foster Helvey, who fired when they refused to halt. The car had been stolen at Hooper, Neb., by three men who abandoned one stolen in Michigan. Officers said the Michigan car was believed taken by slayers of two men near Saginaw on July 6.

Helvey said he believed the same three engineered the abduction last week of Sheriff Emil Ackman at Fairbury, who expressed the opinion one was Karpis. The Sheriff was released after being questioned concerning Jess Doyle, now awaiting trial for a \$150,000 bank robbery at Fairbury.

Grogman said he suspected nothing as he emerged from the elevator at Herkimer and saw the men near his car today. One asked for a ride and then pointed a gun at him. Two entered and waited for the third to pick up three hidden machine guns. Then they sped away with their captive.

"They said they would leave my automobile in Kansas City," Grogman said.

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PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 HUNTED IN KANSAS

Karpis Believed in Trio Which Escaped Ambush

By The United Press

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Sole known survivor of the murderous crew which shot it out with Federal agents at the little Bohemia Lodge in Northern Wisconsin, Karpis was being sought in this region after three men robbed a filling station attendant at Chester. They narrowly escaped capture when they blundered into an ambush set by Police Chief Joe Cook and Marshal Foster Helvey at the city limits.

The trio speeded away at 80 miles an hour after an exchange of gun fire. Later the officers found the abandoned bandit car with tattered tires. The fugitives had fled afoot.

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"Enemy No. 1" and Two
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Karpis Hunted With 2 Others In the Mid-West

Enemy No. 1 Linked With Gun Battle, Kidnaping in Nebraska.

By the Associated Press.

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KARPIS REPORTED HEADED TOWARD BUFFALO

PUBLIC ENEMY IN AUTO WITH LOCAL PLATES

Authorities on watch after rumor desperado was seen in Cleveland, headed east

WARNING IS BROADCAST

Recognized in Ohio city by government operative, reports to officials declare

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 27 (Saturday) (P)—Police Station WPDU Pittsburgh, broadcast a report early today that a man identified as Alvin Karpis, public enemy number 1, was seen leaving Cleveland at 10 p. m., (E.S.T.) He was driving east in a roadster, bearing Erie County (N. Y.) license plates and had two men with him, the officers said.

Local police said they learned from Cleveland that Karpis was recognized in the Ohio city by a government operative. They quoted Cleveland authorities as saying the roadster disappeared before the operative had an opportunity to halt it.

As the radio alarm was broadcast in Pittsburgh, scout cars were assigned to main arteries in the vicinity of Pittsburgh and instructed to keep an all-night vigil.

Search in Cleveland

Cleveland, O., July 27 (Saturday) (P)—Cleveland police searched early today for Alvin Karpis, suspect in the Bremer and other kidnaping cases, on the "tip" of a citizen who they said telephoned he had seen Karpis drive through Public Square. Police said the citizen, whose name they would not disclose, told them he was acquainted with Karpis and recognized him as he drove past in a speedster.

They said federal authorities recently issued a warning Karpis was in this territory. Karpis narrowly escaped capture here several months ago when he escaped as police arrested several women companions.

The state highway patrol said it had been informed that a man identified as Karpis was seen driving east from Cleveland in an automobile.

Patrol headquarters in Columbus reported that another man was in the automobile with the man believed to be Karpis.

Suspect in Bremer Case

The department of justice last March definitely placed the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul at the door of the Barker-Karpis mob, which previously had a record in the Midwest of being the most ruthless gang of modern day bandits with a long list of bank robberies and murders charged against it.

Karpis was suspected of directing the kidnaping of nine-year-old George Weyerhauser of Tacoma, but the end of that case tended to disprove this suspicion.

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AUTO'S RETURN ENDS BUFFALO KARPIS SEARCH

Rumor Public Enemy No. 1
Headed for City From Cleve-
land Collapses

POLICE FAIL TO STOP CAR

Borrowed Machine Arrives
Here Unmolested Despite
Widespread Hunt

An alarm early today that Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, had been seen in Cleveland in an Auburn roadster bearing Buffalo license plates turned out to be false with the discovery that the car was back in the garage of its owner.

Buffalo police got this message from Cleveland at 1:26 a. m.:

"Be on the lookout for Auburn roadster, 1935, with tan top, black body, bearing New York State plates ZE 84 62. Occupants are two white men, one of them identified as Alvin Karpis, wanted by federal authorities for shooting two federal officers. This car may pass through New York State of Pennsylvania."

Report Friend Returned

The license plates were issued to Norman C. Klinck, 124 Rohr St., a clerk at the New York Central ter-

minel. Mr. Klinck said he had lent the machine to a friend to go to Cleveland for a couple of days. He said he expected him back shortly. A half-hour later police reported the friend had returned with the car. Assistant Detective Chief Frank J. McCarthy said Mr. Klinck told him he had lent the car to Dan Montgomery, Negro proprietor of an exchange St. restaurant and of a hotel near the New York Central station. He often lets Montgomery take the car, he told McCarthy.

Reported Seen in Cleveland

Newspaper dispatches said two Cleveland citizens, said to have known Karpis when he was hiding out in the Ohio city last year, reported to police they saw him in downtown Cleveland last night. They said they followed the car for some distance, but lost it in traffic. They described the machine referred to in the police message.

The result of the report was that all cities and towns to the eastward of Cleveland issued orders to their patrol cars to keep strict watch for the car with the Buffalo plates.

The search for the car containing Karpis or the citizen who ap-

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According to the Erie dispatch, Motorcycle Patrolman Ames Kindle said he sighted a yellow Auburn sedan about 2 a. m. making 75 miles an hour through the city streets. He said the machine answered the description from Cleveland of the car the fugitive desperado might be using.

Reported Headed for Buffalo
Kindle halted a radio scout car and they all gave chase to the sedan. It got away, he reported, in the direction of Buffalo. It contained two men, he said.

The only discrepancy in this episode insofar as it might concern the Buffalo machine is that the description of the Auburn chased in Erie does not agree with that of the Auburn sighted in Cleveland. One was a yellow sedan, the other a black roadster with a tan top. It is a situation likely to make all Auburn drivers a little nervous today.

The Cleveland authorities declined to make public the names of the two residents who reported they saw Karpis there, but they said the robber and kidnaper is well known in that city. They said he was one of a gang of three men who lived in a west side hangout for several weeks last September while a furious search for him was under way.

Raid Place Too Late

Police raided the place after questioning three women arrested in a downtown hotel brawl, but they found only evidence of a hasty departure.

They discovered maps in the house, though, showing well-pencilled routes through Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada. Fingerprints on a piece of paper were of the same class as those of Arthur Barker, leader of the gang which engineered the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul millionaire.

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Karpis, sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul and other crimes, is well acquainted in this section.

Police identified him as one of a gang of three men who lived in a West Side hangout for several weeks last September while a furious search was being made for him.

The two citizens, police said, in refusing to identify them, had known Karpis when he was hiding out here. They reported they recognized Karpis as his automobile passed their machine near Avon Lake village, a suburb.

The men said they followed the car to Cleveland's public square, about twenty miles. They lost the car in the downtown traffic.

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**TRAIL 'KARPIS',
POLICE FIND IT'S
2 OTHER FELLOWS**

Buffalo, N. Y., July 27.—(AP)—Two Buffalo men whose automobile was supposed to have carried Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, about Cleveland, returned home today, surprised at reports police of three states had been watching for their car.

The machine, identified from its license plates, is owned by Norman C. Klinck, a railroad employe here. He said he loaned it to two friends to visit Lorain, O. While going through Cleveland a citizen mistook one of the men for Karpis.

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**REPORT KARPIS
IN CLEVELAND, O.,
ON HIS WAY EAST**

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Police said the citizen, whose name they would not disclose, told them he was acquainted with Karpis and recognized him as he drove past in a speedster.

They said federal authorities recently issued a warning Karpis was in this territory. Karpis narrowly escaped capture here several months ago when he escaped as police arrested several women companions.

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Patrol headquarters in Columbus reported that another man was in the automobile with the man believed to be Karpis.

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CLEVELAND NEWS

July 27, 1935

Karpis Here? Two Other Fellows

Cleveland police, who were all astir last night at reports Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1," had been a Cleveland visitor, today ventured the opinion it might have been "a couple of other fellows."

A warning had been flashed meanwhile to police of five states.

The report, brought to central station shortly after 9 p. m. by a civilian said by police to be an "amateur detective," was that he had seen Karpis and another man driving east and had followed them from a point in Bulkley blvd. to E. 9th st. and Superior ave., where he lost them.

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

July 27, 1935

REPORTS KARPIS HERE

Reputed Acquaintance Tells Police
He Saw Desperado in Auto.

Greater Cleveland police kept their
revolvers handy last night after a
police broadcast warned that Alvin
Karpis, suspect in the Bremer and
other kidnappings, had been reported
as driving westward through Public
Square at 10 p. m. in an Auburn
speedster bearing New York license
plates.

A citizen, whose name police would
not divulge, telephoned to say that
he was acquainted with Karpis and
had recognized the desperado as he
drove past.

Police said federal authorities had
recently issued a warning that
Karpis was in this territory. Karpis
some months ago narrowly escaped
capture here when he fled as police
 nabbed several women companions.

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The Jersey Journal
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POLICE PICK UP KARPIS TRAIL AS HE HEADS EAST

Public Enemy No. 1 Sighted
on Street in Cleveland,
But He Escapes
Pursuers.

ROADS WATCHED FOR TWO IN CAR

TRENTON. (AP)—State and municipal police of New Jersey were warned by teletype and radio alarms today to be on the lookout for Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," who was reported heading eastward from Cleveland, O.

Cleveland authorities sent the state police a message of warning and the organization broadcast a description of the gangster, who shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City four months ago.

Chase in Erie

ERIE, Pa. (AP)—Erie police gave chase early today to an automobile which they said may have been occupied by Alvin Karpis, but lost the car after a short run.

Motorcycle Patrolman Ames Kindle said he sighted a yellow sedan about 2 a. m. making 75 miles an hour through the streets. He said the car answered a broadcast description of one Cleveland police said may have been used by the fugitive kidnaper. Two men were in the automobile. Kindle said.

He hailed a radio scout car and all

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GET KARPIS TRAIL

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started after the sedan. It got away, Kindle said, in the direction of Buffalo, N. Y.

CLEVELAND. (AP)—Police of Ohio and Pennsylvania toured the roads east of Cleveland today hoping to intercept Alvin Karpis, fugitive kidnaper and Public Enemy No. 1.

A man believed to have been Karpis was seen driving East in downtown Cleveland late last night. The citizens, who attempted to follow the car, said it bore New York license plates. A second man was in the car, they said.

Karpis, who is sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul and other crimes, is well acquainted in this section.

Police identified him as one of a gang of three men who lived in a west side hangout for several weeks last September while a furious search was being made for him.

Police refused to identify the two citizens who reported seeing the fugitive here last night, but they said they were not federal agents.

The two citizens, police said, had known Karpis when he was hiding out here last year. They reported that they recognized Karpis as his automobile passed their machine near Avon Lake Village, a suburb.

The men said they followed the car to Cleveland's Public Square, a distance of approximately 30 miles. They lost the car in the downtown traffic and then made their report to police.

Car Disappears

All Cleveland police squad cars were asked immediately to watch for the car. The Ohio State Highway Patrol sent cruisers to watch the roads east of the city.

The car, however, was not seen after it left Public Square.

Cities to the east were notified on the chance the two men might head in that direction and Pittsburgh police set up a watch along the main traffic arteries in that vicinity.

The hideout here last year was disclosed when three women were arrested in a downtown hotel during a brawl. Police raided the house an hour after questioning the women and found evidence of a hasty departure.

Maps found in the house contained well-pencilled routes through Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada. Fingerprints found on a scrap of paper in the house were of the same class as those of Arthur Barker, leader of the Bremer kidnap gang. The women were turned over to federal agents and then released.

Karpis shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City last January and his trip west, authorities believe, led through Ohio. Dr. Horace R. Hunsicker was kidnaped by two men, one of whom he identified as Karpis, near Allentown, Pa., and left unharmed near Medina, south of Cleve-

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SIGHT KARPIS IN CLEVELAND, HEADED EAST

Cleveland, July 27 (Saturday) (AP).—Cleveland police searched early today for Alvin Karpis, reigning public enemy No. 1, on the tip of a citizen who telephoned he had seen Karpis drive through public square.

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REPORT KARPIS SPEEDING EAST FROM ERIE, PA.

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of Gangster's Car Dodges
Police in Chase.

MAY BE HEADING HERE

Bremer Kidnapers Positively
Identified as One of Two in
Car Leaving Ohio.

Alvin Karpis, long hunted as the leader of the gang which kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, was believed heading for New York or the Canadian border today after escaping from police in Erie, Pa.

A police alarm, broadcast from Massillon, Ohio, informed authorities that he positively had been identified as one of two men seen in an automobile headed east.

According to the alarm, Karpis, in a tan Auburn car bearing New York license plates, was seen speeding through Cleveland at 7 o'clock last night. It was thought possible that the other occupant of the car might be Harry Campbell, Karpis accomplice.

Sighted in Erie.

About 2 A. M. today, a sedan answering the description of Karpis' machine was sighted speeding at 75 miles an hour through the streets of Erie, Pa., according to the Associated Press. Police pursued in a radio car, but the fleeing sedan outdistanced the pursuers.

The tan sedan was last seen headed toward Buffalo and Erie police expressed the opinion that Karpis, if he was in the car, probably would try to cross the Canadian border between Erie and Buffalo.

Tunnels Guarded.

The alarm received at New York Police Headquarters early today described Karpis as being five feet eight inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, with blue eyes, medium chestnut hair. It stated he was a dangerous criminal and would shoot on the least provocation.

New York police were ordered to watch bridges, tunnels and ferries. Karpis is the leader of a gang of Midwest criminals to which has been laid a long list of crimes, including several murders. He and confederates escaped from several traps set by federal agents throughout the country.

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PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH July 27, 1935

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POLICE HERE HUNT FOR KARPIS

Public Enemy No. 1
Believed Headed
For This Area

Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, desperado and Public Enemy No. 1, was believed to be in this vicinity today.

Federal, state and city police forces watched every possible route of travel in hopes of intercepting Karpis and a traveling companion as they sped to another hideout.

The pair was sighted driving east in downtown Cleveland, O., and the alarm immedi-

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BREMER KIDNAPER

It was in Cleveland that Karpis last fall narrowly escaped apprehension in a West Side hideout.

It was through Pittsburgh that Karpis is supposed to have made his getaway last January with kidnaped Dr. Horace Hunsicker of Allentown, Pa., after he and a man believed to have been Harry Campbell had shot their way out of a police trap in an Atlantic City (N. J.) hotel last winter.

Bad Man Karpis is wanted in—among other places—St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping of rich Edward G. Bremer 18 months ago.

In that venture, Karpis and a couple of pals, now in jail, netted \$200,000 after holding the banker for 23 days.

TRAILED IN CLEVELAND

The year-and-a-half chase for the outlaw centered here again today after two men who had known Karpis during his Cleveland hiding a year ago said they sighted the desperado and his companion in an automobile near Avon Lake village, Cleveland suburb, last night.

They say they trailed the pair as far as downtown Cleveland, only to lose them.

They notified police the gangsters were traveling in a black roadster with New York license plates.

Police here took every precaution to apprehend them if they pass through Pittsburgh. Heavily armed, on the alert for expected violence, they had orders to shoot to kill.

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Car Headed for New York May Contain Alvin Karpis

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—An automobile bearing two men, believed to be Alvin Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, sped thru Wilkes-Barre this afternoon.

The machine was a coupe with a canvas top and answered descriptions of the automobile believed being used by America's Public Enemy No. 1.

Police reported the fugitive machine was traveling toward New York.

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WASH. NEWS

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Karpis Is Reported East-Bound in Car

By the Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, July 27 (Saturday)—
Police Station WPDU, Pittsburgh,
broadcast a report early today that
a man identified as Alvin Karpis,
public enemy No. 1, was seen leav-
ing Cleveland at 10 p. m., Eastern
standard time. He was driving East
in an Auburn roadster, New York
license No. 3E8462, and had two
men with him, the officers said.
Local police said they learned
from Cleveland that Karpis was
recognized by a Government oper-
ative. They quoted Cleveland
authorities as saying the roadster
disappeared before the operative
had an opportunity to halt it.
Officers expressed an opinion that
the trio were probably headed to
some northern Pennsylvania city
or New York.

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3 STATES HUNT KARPIS ANEW

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 27 (U.S.).—A search spreading over three States, with Cleveland the focal point, today failed to turn up Alvin Karpis, public enemy reported seen speeding through public square here late last night.

A radio alarm was broadcast to the State Highway Patrol of Ohio and to police of New York and Pennsylvania.

Cleveland police declined to reveal names of the two men who told them they recognized Karpis as his automobile passed theirs on Lake Road about 10 miles west of Cleveland. They said they knew him when he hid out in Cleveland last summer and were "certain" of their identification.

Karpis, a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping and in other similar cases, has been the object of a nation-wide search. He narrowly escaped capture here last September.

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

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KARPIS CAR IS CLERK'S

Auto Believed Gangster's In Buffalo Man's, Dispatches Say.

The automobile which was believed to have carried Alvin Karpis, the nation's ranking public enemy and leader of a kidnap gang, through Cleveland Friday night was identified yesterday as belonging to a Buffalo railroad clerk, an Associated Press dispatch reported.

Assistant Detective Chief Frank J. McCarthy of Buffalo said Clevelanders who thought the occupant of the car was Karpis were mistaken and that the driver probably was the clerk, whose family was reported to be away from home.

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PITTSBURGH PRESS July 28, 1935

WILKES-BARRE POLICE HUNT KARPIS SUSPECT

Gangster and Pal Thought Seen in
Speeding Auto

By The United Press

WILKES-BARRE, July 27—An auto bearing two men, believed to be Alvin Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, sped through Wilkes-Barre this afternoon.

The machine was a coupe, with a canvas top and answered descriptions of the auto believed being used by America's Public Enemy No. 1.

Police reported the fugitive machine was traveling toward New York. A teletype message was sent to all State Police and Highway Patrolmen to stop the machine.

The car being sought roared through the streets here and officers only got a glimpse of the two occupants.

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POLICE COMB WATERFRONT FOR KARPIS.
 Toledo, O., Tuesday, July 30.—(Chicago Tribune.)—Toledo police and Government agents last night were scouring the summer resort cottages along Lake Erie near here in an effort to capture Alvin G. Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1 who they believe is in hiding there.

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"A description of this man with the information that he had a list of contractors' names in his possession and was interviewing them in this locality to have them build houses for them was sent out over the state police teletype system and relayed over the various police teletyping systems all over the country. Information about him was requested but none was received.

"On Saturday, July 12, the man was arraigned in district court on the automobile charge of an unregistered car on a complaint made by Police Chief Bartholomew Brennan. I went to the acting clerk of court, Atty. Harold Grounbeck and asked him to request the court to make the bail as high as possible. Carter was brought by me to the Hampshire county jail and was held in default of \$300 bail. I then requested an employe of the jail to take his fingerprints and also his handprints and forward them to the department of justice as I had observed that his fingers were badly mutilated and the patterns were entirely destroyed in most of his fingers and that my prints as rolled did not include the entire scarred surface. This was done for me.

Attorney Did Not Know Prisoner

"That night I went to the jail and received the information that this man was known to Herbert Callahan, an attorney at Boston. I then went to the state police barracks where a teletype message was written and sent to the Boston police giving them the information above and requesting a confidential checkup in Boston and that they forward us any information they might obtain. An answer to this message stated that Callahan did not know the prisoner.

"Although no information had gone to Atty Callahan from this city he telephoned to the police station here to inquire about Carter's bail within 15 minutes after the teletype message was sent to the Boston police. I came then to the police station and was there only a few minutes when an agent of the department of justice joined me. We talked about the case and then Atty Grounbeck came to the station and said that he had been called to the jail by Atty James P. Mahoney of Springfield to take bail for Carter. I then requested Mr Grounbeck to give me a complaint on which higher bail could be required before Carter would be freed. The agent of the federal government was present during our conversation.

"With the agent I went to the jail where we both questioned the prisoner and again I tried to prevent him leaving on \$300 bail. About 11:30 a. m. \$100 cash bail was given and the prisoner walked out of the jail, got into the car of Atty Mahoney and that was the last time I have seen him.

"Monday night a telegram was received from the department of justice by Chief Brennan stating that the man had been identified by the fingerprints as William E. Meade wanted by the U. S. Postal authorities and the following day a letter was received recording a long criminal record.

Delay Over Fingerprints

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"In this case surgery was resorted to for the one purpose as elaborate identification. To be in the largest bureau in the world the fingerprints of Meade identified him even after surgery had been resorted to in an effort to foil this system of identification.

"It seems that this man had successfully sealed every other source of information regarding himself."

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Sergt Kelly Gives New Angle Of the Escape From Justice Of the Notorious Meade

Attorney Callahan Had Information on Case 15 Minutes After Teletype Message to Boston Asking for Confidential Checkup

Northampton, Aug. 3.—Controversy over the part Atty Herbert Callahan of Boston played in procuring bail for William E. Meade, international confidence man, and a now celebrated police fiasco, was clarified today by Sergt. Harry J. Kelly, who investigated the case.

Sergt. Kelly inferred that Atty. Callahan had had information on the case even though he had received no official word from this city that Meade was incarcerated in the Hampshire county jail.

Within 15 minutes after a teletype communication requesting the Boston police for a confidential checkup on an angle concerning Atty. Callahan the Boston attorney telephoned the local police station and inquired about the bail. A short time after a teletype answer was received stating that Atty. Callahan did not know the prisoner.

Following Sergt. Kelly in his own words tells the entire story of the now famous case in an interview with a Daily News reporter:

Meade's First Proposition
"My interest in the case first started on Saturday July 5th when a local contractor came to the police station and told me of a man who had visited him on June 27th and again on July 5th. He loaned the contractor some house plans and asked him to figure the cost of building a house according to the plans. Such a house would cost about \$14,000. On the lower right corner of such plans there usually appears the name of the architect drawing the plans but on the plans left with the local contractor the right hand corner had been cut off. This man stated that he represented a wealthy long living in New York and Philadelphia and that this man was going to build some houses in this city.

"The houses to be built here were in the interest of a woman who was going to teach at Smith college and as they were to be built for sentimental reasons this man did not care to state the names of the parties concerned. He told the contractor his name was Taylor. On the second visit the contractor noticed there was no automobile in view and believing that the man came in an automobile he sent a man to locate it without the knowledge of his visitor. The car was found parked about a quarter of a mile away and the registration plates noted. The contractor became suspicious of the man and reported his information.

"The state police were requested to get the name and address of the person to whom the automobile was registered. As the car was registered in Georgia the state police received by radio the information that the car was registered as a span in Atlanta, Georgia.

"By air mail I sent a communication to the chief of police at Atlanta stating all the information about the man and requesting any information that he could give me. This letter was mailed on the afternoon of July 8th.

"Shortly after 10 a. m. on July 11th I received the information that this man was again in the city paying a visit to the contractor. I immediately drove to the locality (North Elm and Locust streets) where the man had parked his automobile. I removed the keys that he had left in it and also a wallet I found on the seat. Very soon afterward I saw the man coming towards the car. When he arrived I asked him to show me the registration. He did. It was for a Ford touring and the motor numbers were not correct. I then brought him to the police station.

Fingerprints Being Fingerprinted
"At the station he refused to talk and told me to find out who I am if you can. That's your job. He would give no information about himself. But, when I rigged up our fingerprint outfit (a plank two and a half feet long by one foot wide with a couple of wires attached to one end with which to hold the fingerprint card while the fingers are being rolled), he protested vigorously, and made it difficult to get his prints well-rolled. As soon as the prints were taken I sent them by airmail to the department of justice at Washington. The information that this man had been interviewing contractors and was believed to be a swindler was also sent with the prints. At this time two telegrams were also sent by me, one to the commissioner of state revenue in Georgia requesting the name and address to whom the car was registered and the other to the chief of police at Atlanta referring him to the names given in my airmail letter and giving him the name of C. E. Carter, Henry Grady hotel, Atlanta and requesting information about the man. Some time later I received an answer from the chief of police stating that the man was not known there.

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N. Y. EVENING POST

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U. S. WILL RUSH TRIAL OF G-MAN'S SLAYER

Agent Killed in Ohio by Auto
Theft Suspect

COLLEGE CORNER, Ohio, Aug. 17 (AP).—The Government planned an early trial today for George W. Barrett, held as the killer of Federal Agent Nelson B. Klein, thirty-seven, in a furious gun battle here last night.

H. D. Harris, acting-agent in charge of the Cincinnati office of the Bureau of Investigation, said Barrett, who gave his home a Lockland, Ohio, would be brought to trial as "quickly as possible" under the Federal statute imposing the death penalty upon conviction for the slaying of a Government officer.

Agent Klein, an agent of the Department of Justice, was seeking Barrett for questioning concerning automobile thefts. They met face to face last night. Donald C. McGowan, another Federal agent, was with Mr. Klein.

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New York Journal;

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KARPIS AFTER HEAD G-MAN

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"You got our pals," the letter said. "We are going to get you."

There was no signature.

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Public Enemy No. 1 Sends
Letter to Washington
Warning J. E. Hoover

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The kidnaper-fugitive, "No. 1"
public enemy, is believed at the de-
partment to be author of a message
supposedly mailed from Dayton a
short while ago warning Hoover his
days are numbered.

Officials refused to make it public,
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Of the leaders of roving fast-out shooting criminal gangs that Hoo-



Alvin Karpis.

ver's men started to run down and exterminate two years ago, Karpis is the only major one still at large. He has been hunted since January, 1934, as a ringleader in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer in St. Paul, Minn. Later he shot his way out of a police trap in Atlantic City, N. J. He is believed since then to have ducked from one hide-out to another in various parts of the country.

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